

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions,  
and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

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B, 1. (currently amended) A method for manufacturing an inhalable medicament or part of an inhalable medicament for the treatment or prevention of pain in humans or animals, comprising: combining gaseous nitrogen protoxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) Use of at least one gas in combination with to at least one active product chosen from among selected from the group consisting of paracetamol, acetylsalicylic acid, arylcarboxylic acid, corticosteroids, mineralosteroids, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and their derivatives, codeine and its derivatives, morphine, and morphine mimetics, for manufacturing an inhalable medicament or part of an inhalable medicament intended for the treatment or prevention of pain in humans or animals.

2. (currently amended) The method [[Use]] according to claim 1, in which wherein the active product is chosen from among analgesics.

X 3. (currently amended) The method ~~[[Use]]~~ according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the active product is chosen from among compounds with an anti-inflammatory action.

4. (currently amended) The method ~~[[Use]]~~ according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the active product is chosen from among antipyretics.

B, 5. (currently amended) The method ~~[[Use]]~~ according to claim 1, wherein said inhalable medicament further comprises a second gas in which the gas is chosen from among selected from the group consisting of helium, oxygen, nitrogen, xenon, hydrogen, carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), argon, krypton, nitrogen monoxide (NO), ~~nitrogen protoxide (N<sub>2</sub>O),~~ carbonated hydrocarbons, fluorocarbons, and mixtures of several of ~~[[these]]~~ said second gases.

6. (currently amended) The method ~~[[Use]]~~ according to claim 1, ~~in which the~~ wherein said inhalable medicament is in the form of an aerosol comprising said gas and said active product in the form of a powder, liquid or a powder/liquid mixture.

7. (currently amended) The method ~~[[Use]]~~ according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the inhalable medicament contains a therapeutically effective quantity of active product.

8. (currently amended) The method ~~[[Use]]~~ according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the combination of said at least one gas with said at least one active product leads to a synergistic effect.

9. (cancelled without prejudice).

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10. (currently amended) The method ~~[[Use]]~~ according to claim 1, ~~in which the~~ wherein said inhalable medicament comprises ~~contains at least one gas chosen from~~ O<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O.

11. (currently amended) The method ~~[[Use]]~~ according to claim 1, ~~in which the~~ wherein said inhalable medicament contains O<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O, and at least one active product with an analgesic ~~or~~ morphine-like action.

12. An Inhalable inhalable medicament formed by a combination of ~~at least one gas~~ gaseous nitrogen protoxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) and at least one active product with an analgesic action, said active product being ~~chosen from among~~ selected from the group

consisting of paracetamol, acetylsalicylic acid, arylcarboxylic acid, corticosteroids, mineralosteroids, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and their derivatives, codeine and its derivatives, morphine, and morphine mimetics.

13. (currently amended) ~~Medicament~~ The medicament according to claim 12, said medicament further comprises a second ~~characterized in that the gas is chosen from among gas selected~~ from the group consisting of helium, oxygen, nitrogen, xenon, hydrogen, carbon monoxide (CO), carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), argon, krypton, nitrogen monoxide (NO), ~~nitrogen protoxide (N<sub>2</sub>O),~~ carbonated hydrocarbons, fluorocarbons, and mixtures of several of these gases.

14. (currently amended) ~~Medicament~~ The medicament according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein said medicament contains a therapeutically effective amount of active product.

15. (cancelled without prejudice).

16. (new) A method for the treatment or prevention of pain in humans or in animals, comprising the step of administering an effective amount of an inhalable medicament or

part of an inhalable medicament via the inhalation route said human or animal in need of treatment thereof, wherein said inhalable medicament or part of an inhalable medicament comprises gaseous nitrogen protoxide (N<sub>2</sub>O) in combination with at least one active product selected from the group consisting of paracetamol, acetylsalicylic acid, arylcaboxylic acid, corticosteroids, mineralosteroids, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and their derivatives, codeine and its derivatives, morphine, and morphine mimetics.

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17. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein  
[[the]] said active product is chosen from analgesics.

18. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein  
[[the]] said active product is selected from compounds with an anti-inflammatory action.

19. (new) The method according to claim 16, wherein  
[[the]] said active product is selected from antipyretics.

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